

## Slams Dorothy Thompson For Libel

### Silver, In Slashing N.Y. Speech, Announces Return To Active Role

NEW YORK—Slamming out at his foes and at foes of Zionism in a powerful speech, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver this week announced plans to return to active participation in Zionist work.

The speech, made at a testimonial dinner marking the second anniversary of the United Nations partition decision, seemed to mark the end of the famous episode of indecision and what Silver called "appeasement" in Zionist ranks.

The affair, staged by the Manhattan region of the ZOA, actually provided Silver with a chance to say that his "absence in the last few months" was not "to be interpreted other than but a tired man wanted a few months of rest."

It was Silver's first appearance in New York since he dropped all formal offices in U.S. Zionism by rapid resignations as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and as a member of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

The resignations followed a defeat for Silver and the then president of the ZOA, Emanuel Neuman, in a raging fight last January over control of the United Palestine Appeal.

#### The Big Fight

Silver and Neuman fought to keep Henry Montor from being named director of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal drive, using as a lever the ZOA's control of the United Palestine Appeal, the largest constituent agency of the UJA.

The fight ended when the Jewish Agency executive came to New York for an extraordinary plenary session that stripped the ZOA of its control over the UPA and installed Montor as director of the 1949 drive. That had been a condition set by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., for his accepting the general chairmanship again.

#### He's Rested

"I've had that few months," Silver said and then ripped into his enemies with the fire of old. He attacked those opposing chalutzit (pioneering in Israel) from the United States, those fomenting fears of dual loyalty and those creating an issue of local versus overseas needs.

Dorothy Thompson, who recently made a violently anti-Zionist speech in Philadelphia before the annual meeting of the local chapter of the American Council for Judaism, was a special target of Silver's ire.

He sarcastically referred several times to the "well-known and expensive figure" who graced Zionist platforms in the past and was now a spokesman for the Council.

With telling effect, Silver quoted Miss Thompson in 1943, when she spoke at a Zionist rally in 1943 at Carnegie Hall, expressing exactly the opposite viewpoint of the one she took at Philadelphia.

Silver denounced as a "contemptible libel" on the Jewish people accusations Miss Thompson had made and charged the goal was to terrorize Jews of the U.S. by the scare of dual allegiance.

#### A Quote From Dorothy

He quoted from Miss Thompson's 1943 speech as follows:

... It is curious to me that

the nationhood of Jews would be denied by Jews themselves."

Turning next to chalutzit, Silver castigated those who looked on Zionism as purely philanthropy or only as providing a place for those who need to go to Israel. He took the classical position on chalutzit and described those U.S. Jews who go to Israel to build a new nation as in the "best tradition" of democracy.

#### Something For Daniel

He obliquely took note of ZOA president Daniel Frisch's recent pronouncement on chalutzit as "assurance" to those Jews whose "chief concern is that Zionism does not embarrass them by talking of American Jews going to Israel."

Frisch, under pressure of the American Jewish Committee, issued a statement in October which seemed to disavow ZOA backing for a mass chalutzit program.

A recent speech by Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, issuing a call to U.S. Jewish youth, subsequently repudiated by Ben-Gurion, was described by Silver as "unfortunate."

Commenting that the speech had been seized upon by scared Jews, he urged Israeli leaders to "first consult with their friends in the U.S." before making such statements.

"Surely among five million Jews of the United States there are those who feel a challenge and wish to contribute their skills to the new state," Silver said. "What is un-American about all this?"

#### No Mass Departure

The famous Zionist leader said he did not foresee a mass emigration from the United States to Israel.

Without mentioning Montor or Morgenthau by name, Silver flayed them as the "two miracle men."

He took issue with figures released by the United Jewish Appeal and said that less than \$100,000,000 has been raised in this year's drive. The official UJA figure is that more than \$100,000,000 is in so far and that about \$120,000,000 will finally be collected.

"It is clear now that these miracle men did not produce the goods, though they did produce a hatful of excuses," Silver charged.

Silver touched on the current controversy of domestic versus overseas needs.

He said both were legitimate and that enough money to provide funds for both could be raised if the campaign was properly conducted and stimulated. He took credit for the first \$100,000,000 drive in 1946 and declared that the sum raised in that year was larger than the amount raised this year.

## UJA Meet OKs Three-Point Stand To Assure Priority For Overseas

BY G. M. COHEN

(Other Conference Stories Inside)

ATLANTIC CITY—(NJP)—A militant United Jewish Appeal annual conference here last week found a solution for the problem of a goal for the 1950 UJA drive and went on to pass resolutions nailing down its position on issues developing in recent months at the local level on fund-raising.

The conference voted to drop of the three agencies—the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and United Service for New Americans—making up the UJA.

The amount was set at \$272,455,800. The quota in 1948 and 1949 was \$250,000,000. Some \$150,000,000 was raised in 1948 and 1949 collections are expected to total around \$120,000,000.

This departure from precedent met with little dissent from a group of delegates who came to the conference disturbed about the problem of a quota, which they felt has had little force during the past two years because it was not reached in either year.

In addition the conference took the following action:

One. It urged U.S. Jewish communities to employ pre-campaign budgeting, so that contributors and Jewish organizations both would know in advance what share of the money raised would be allocated to what causes.

Two. It urged communities to defer capital fund-raising drives in 1950.

Three. It asked that capital fund drives be conducted separately from drives in which the UJA participates in 1950, in cases where capital fund drives could not be postponed.

#### What It's About

Capital fund drives refer to fund raising for local Jewish community institutional needs.

The important decisions were made at the meeting of the resolutions committee which met all day Saturday. The proceedings were off the record although the press was allowed to attend the sessions in the role of observer.

At Sunday morning sessions, the resolutions passed the day before were presented to the convention at large.

Although some debate took place, virtually unanimous opinion conceded the wisdom of not setting a specific quota for 1950. Major floor debate occurred on the pre-campaign budgeting resolution, which declared that local drives "shall be preceded by a mutually satisfactory" agreement between the UJA and the communities on the distribution of funds to be raised in 1950.

William N. Gurtman, of Passaic, N.J., charged that the resolution was a weapon to bring certain communities in line. He urged that the UJA proceed "without any effort to exercise police power over our communities."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, session chairman, interrupted to say that Gurtman's statement was "not fair or accurate." Rothenberg, who is acting national chairman of the United Palestine

a specific goal entirely and instead approved a statement of needs

## THE 1950 NEEDS PICTURE

National Jewish Post

ATLANTIC CITY—The breakdown of the \$272,455,800 figure set as the needs for 1950 at the annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal here last weekend was presented to the conference delegates as follows:

Of this sum, \$205,550,000 is needed for large scale resettlement and development in Israel through the agencies of the United Palestine Appeal; \$44,512,000 will be required by the Joint Distribution Committee for its work in Europe and Israel and the Moslem countries; and \$13,384,000 will be needed by the United Service for New Americans for the program of refugee adjustment and integration in the United States.

The UPA, the JDC and USNA are the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal.

Appeal, explaining the feeling at Saturday's session of the resolutions committee that communities were conducting drives under the aegis of the UJA, but diverting those funds to local causes.

#### How About It?

Pointing to the phrase "mutually satisfactory" in the resolution, Rothenberg said "I can tell you of many cities which deducted unconscionable amounts for other purposes than the UJA."

Joseph Shulman of Paterson, N.J., and a long list of speakers argued that since funds were being raised under the banner of the UJA, the greater portion of the funds should go to the UJA.

Shulman said that the delegates had been sent to act for the UJA and that the UJA had the right, before it went into any campaign, to know exactly where it stood.

Harry Rothenberg of Los Angeles said that pre-campaign budgeting was the only ethical way and that from the standpoint of the contributors, they had a right to know where their money was going.

#### Benson Hits Cities

Judge Maurice Benson of Cleveland took the strongest stand and

spoke of the difficulty the UJA was meeting in cities which he said were immorally and illegally taking all of the shortages of their drives out of allocations to the UJA.

He declared that the communities had no right to build local institutions off the back of sufferers in Europe and Israel.

A surprising stand was taken by Herbert Abeles of Newark, a regional officer of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which represents the U.S. Jewish community's 265 local funds. The CJFWF has been disputing the right of the UJA to set any conditions for local communities. (NJP, July 1).

Abeles said that from the viewpoint of the UJA and the communities, the resolution was a "fair thing." (Details inside).

On the resolution on capital fund drives, there was no discussion and it passed overwhelmingly. However, Milton Kahn of Boston, who was chairman of the resolutions committee and who reported the resolutions to the Sunday session said that almost an hour and a half was spent Saturday in debate on the resolution.

## Split In UJA Over USNA Demands Revealed; Threatens 1950 Drive

By G. M. COHEN

ATLANTIC CITY—(NJP)—A disagreement exists between the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal over the allocation for 1950 to the United Service for New Americans which carries a threat of a breakup of the joint campaign for 1950, The Post learned last Friday.

The USNA is one of the three and will report to their constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. The other two are the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The various positions in the controversy were presented in detail to the delegates at the Saturday afternoon session of the resolutions committee at the annual national conference of the UJA here.

The session was held on an off-the-record basis as far as the press was concerned, although some 750 persons were present

#### When Learned It

The Post learned of the dispute before the Saturday session. It was learned Friday that the USNA was asking for an additional \$5,000,000 for 1950 over 1949.

However, there was some doubt about the complete accuracy of the information obtained by The Post, though there was no question that the dispute was a serious one.



## New York

## KOESTLER EVEN IGNORANT ON THINGS HE SHOULD KNOW IN HIS SPECIALTY

By M. Z. FRANK

THE following is the most revolting passage in Arthur Koestler's whole book, "Promise and Fulfillment":

"And the old man will ride on it, wrapped in his kefiye, and sunk in solemn meditation about the lost opportunity of raping his youngest grandchild." (pages 199 and 200).

The old man riding the donkey is an Arab fleeing his home at the outbreak of the Palestine war. Since the book does not deal with Arab mores, the reference to an alleged Arab practice is gratuitous. It is merely the meanness of Koestler who, without fully identifying himself with the victor, gloats over the flight of the vanquished enemy.

Trusting readers will gather from the above passage that Arab patriarchs are in the habit of raping their grandchildren (whether boys or girls is not clear.) How true that is, I don't know. But I do know that Koestler is not a reliable authority even on Jewish mores, let alone on Arab mores.

I know, for instance, that in my native town of Retchitza, on the Dnieper, with a total population of 15,000, we always had a cow in our barn, sometimes two cows, and we never had to buy milk. The poorer Jews in our town kept their own goats for milk. We had a vegetable garden and grew our own radishes, scallions, cucumbers and many other vegetables. Some of our friends and relatives had fruit gardens, too. Even in the much larger city of Gomel, many Jewish households had cows, vegetable patches and fruit trees. Many thousands of Jews in Eastern Europe lived in much smaller communities than Retchitza.

But if I were to rely on Koestler for my information, I would get the impression that "to his forbears in the ghetto," that is, to the fathers and mothers of the chalutzim who came from Retchitza and smaller towns, "a cow was a wild animal, and a tomato a commodity arriving by some miracle in the grocer's shop."

Sure! I often used to chase our cow to the pasture and I used to pluck tomatoes from the garden . . .

Not everybody had the good fortune of being born in Retchitza, but anybody who reads could gather that information from books on Jewish life in Eastern Europe.

Koestler, however, does not have to learn to pontificate.

NOT ONLY THAT, but he is of Western civilization. And Arthur Koestler, you know, is a Westerner, he says—a Westerner straight from Budapest and the Kremlin!

"Israel, then, is a freak of history," Koestler begins his book. (page 3).

"In this document (the Balfour Declaration) one nation solemnly promised to a second nation the country of a third." (page 5).

And, Koestler goes on to say, that the whole motive behind the Balfour Declaration was the British romanticism of the Bible and of Biblical prophecy.

All that sounds plausible, if you forget certain well known facts about British colonial history and practice. When you do

## Vatican May Exchange Envoys With Israel

JERUSALEM.—The Vatican is at present considering the exchange of diplomatic representatives with Israel, the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) headquarters here reported this week.

The Mizrahi Bulletin said diplomatic sources reported that the Holy See has already decided to send an Apostolic Envoy to Israel.



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take those facts into consideration, the only things unique about the Balfour Declaration is the fact that it was made an official document and given official recognition. Otherwise, it is not unusual for the British Government to permit an immigration of one ethnic group into a land under its control inhabited by another.

MALAYA AND Burma today have a mixed population as a result of British policy. The Chinese in Malaya today are playing a more important role in the unrest which has gripped the Archipelago than do the Malaysians. Presumably, when the British opened Malaya up to Chinese immigration, they expected the Chinese would be no trouble. They did not open up the country to Japanese immigrants, who had an empire behind them. But they were mistaken. Today the Japs are comparatively harmless and the Chinese in Malaya are staging a Communist rebellion.

Some 35 years ago, the British Government toyed with the idea of allowing the surplus population of India to settle in what is today Iraq. Later the British changed their mind and decided to encourage Arab nationalization in Iraq, which they think they can control much better. Some time before that, a British Government actually offered the Zionists Uganda in Eastern Africa for Jewish colonization.

There were British statesmen of 100 years ago and more—before the Zionist movement—who advocated Jewish colonization in Palestine and nearby countries not only because of the Bible but also because they thought it would serve Britain's interests. Lord Shattersbury, in his memorandum to the Prime Minister of the time, Lord Palmerston, used as one of the arguments that the Jews would be no trouble, that they would accept any regime as long as it left them in peace to pursue their economic occupations. If you read Chaim Weizmann's autobiography carefully enough, you will notice that he too made the British expect—and himself expected—that the Jews would accept a British protectorate.

Not every British official agreed with the thesis that it would be in the interest of Great Britain to permit the Jews to immigrate into Palestine or that they would not assert themselves. The more the Jews made a success of the venture, the more the anti-Zionists prevailed in British councils.

Malcolm MacDonald, who published the 1939 White Paper, limiting the further growth of the too-successful Jewish Homeland, now has to fight Chinese rebellion in Malaya. He probably wishes somebody had stopped Chinese immigration to Malaya before the Chinese got to be more than 10 per cent of the population.

As it turned out, the MacDonald White Paper on Palestine in itself came too late. Maybe, if Malcolm's father, Ramsey MacDonald, had not revoked the Passfield White Paper in 1930, the

## I Think As I Please

## COMMENTARY PUBLICLY SUPPORTED, HAS OBLIGATION TO JEWISH PUBLIC

By CARL ALPERT

NO consistent reader of this column can deny, I believe, that Commentary magazine, published by the American Jewish committee, has been guilty of publishing material, sandwiched in among its excellent articles, which has been subtly anti-Semitic, pornographic and filthy. The instances I have cited in recent weeks are typical of many more which I have documented.

Why have I gone to all this bother, and created all this stir about a magazine which is read by only a comparative handful of Americans? There are many reasons, and I shall enumerate them, briefly. Chiefly, however, I have been encouraged to write these articles because I became tired of hearing so many rabbis, community leaders, and other journalists ask: "Can't somebody do something about Commentary?" I decided to do that something about a literary episode which still remains a stench in the nostrils of decent American Jews.

Further, I read in promotional literature issued by Commentary that "many of our most enthusiastic readers are Christians," and I shuddered to think of what these "religious, educational and civic leaders" think of Jewish culture as reflected in the kind of articles I have been discussing in recent weeks. I don't mean those Christians who write Commentary the nice letters of approval; I mean the hundreds who do not write, but form their own opinions of Jewish culture and sex morality from Commentary's columns.

I feel a sense of pride in the Jewish heritage, and my sensibilities are ruffled when I see Commentary hailing itself as the means through which the world will "become acquainted with the living Jewish heritage at its best." With what—with Kreplach? With Devil's Food faeces?

I BECAME INTERESTED in what Commentary is publishing because, as a contributor to the United Jewish Appeal in New York, I help provide the funds which make publication possible. In 1947 the magazine had a deficit of \$160,676; in 1948 the deficit was \$165,118, and for 1949 the estimate announced by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is \$166,346—still going up!

Even if you don't live in New York you helped to meet that deficit, too, because the American Jewish Committee receives funds from almost all—perhaps all—local welfare funds in the country. We are told about the plight of the refugees; we are asked to give to the "Greatest Homecoming" of all time, and we are unwittingly, by our contribution, also supporting the publication and distribution of a deficit-burdened periodical which is too often an insult to Jewish respectability.

And so we protest—and we are told, as some members of the American Jewish Committee have written me, that the Committee gives its editor full authority, does not dictate policy to him, and gives him freedom of action. This is freedom of the press at its highest and its best, but the American Jewish Committee, I am sure, does not hesitate to bring pressure to bear on such of the press as prints material

Jews could not have won today. 1939 was already too late.

KOESTLER, supposed to be a student of history and of philosophy, gives the whole question of British-Jewish-Arab relations the sort of explanation worthy of an old maid. The pro-Arab sentiment of the British officials is explained away by the Lawrence romance and all that clap-trap.

As a matter of fact, whenever British colonial officials ruled a country in which they had to decide between a progressive population and a backward one, they favored the latter.

Koestler tries to present a version of British blunders in Israel in a way that a Britisher can swallow. In his "subjective pursuit of the objective truth," the subject woefully lacks the sound instincts of Jewish self-respect. He tried to pander to the prejudices of the British, the anti-Semite, the assimilationist and of the cringing "Mayefessnick" within himself. And in pandering to these prejudices, he makes concessions at the expense of that objective truth which he claims to pursue.



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which it considers hostile or unfriendly.

Further, Mr. Jacob Blaustein, president of the Committee, has not hesitated to fight for strict supervision and control in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, a public service agency of high caliber. He has sought to vest ironclad managerial and editorial control in the hands of a Board, yet within his own organization he affords freedom to the editor of Commentary which the editor employs to the point of licentiousness. The JTA, in all its years of notable public service, has never rendered the disservice which Commentary has performed with its publication of pseudo-sophisticated smut.

WHEN ONE considers, too, that the JTA services both Jewish and non-Jewish press, maintains offices and correspondents in all parts of the world, and fills the functions of a great and respected news-gathering agency at a cost to the community which is not considerably more than that of Commentary, a monthly magazine of inconsequential circulation—then one begins to wonder where is the justice in American Jewish life, and what the power of the American Jewish Committee, that it can continue this sort of thing with impunity.

These, then, are some of the reasons, which have impelled me to write this series. I am grateful for the many words of approval and support, but I did not engage in this fight for the exercise or for the applause. I hope that sufficient pressure is being brought to bear upon the American Jewish Committee by all who are interested, to bring about a long-needed change in Commentary.

## Israel Pays Salaries For Jordan POW's

TEL AVIV—The Government of Israel paid 19,238 Palestine Pounds to Jordan representatives for pay due to the Jordan prisoners of war up to February 28, 1949. Jordan undertook to pay the ex-POW's the money due to them not later than December 1, 1949.

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## CJFWF Official Departs from Group's Stand to OK UJA Bid to Communities for Pre-Campaign Budgets

**National Jewish Post**  
ATLANTIC CITY—Speculation was widespread this week on the significance of the approval given by a top official of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to the resolution on pre-campaign budgeting passed by delegates to the annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal.

Herbert Abeles of Newark, a nominee for vice president of the CJFWF, approved the stand asking U.S. Jewish communities to use pre-campaign budgeting, so that contributors and Jewish organizations would know in advance how the funds raised would be allocated. The CJFWF represents the U.S. community's 265 local federations and welfare funds.

Abeles' stand was something of a departure from the CJFWF's position, which has been that national agencies may properly pre-

sent their cases to the local communities but should not try to impose decisions on the communities.

Abeles also disclosed an agreement had been reached between the CJFWF and the UJA on setting up of a liaison committee of the two groups to act in cases of disagreement between the UJA and local communities on allocations to the UJA.

Whether his blessing on the all-important pre-campaign budgeting resolution pointed to an end of the fight between the CJFWF and the UJA was unclear.

It was noted that the UJA ignored the request of the CJFWF to be permitted to sit in on the planning for this conference. The UJA did agree to name two members from each of the CJFWF regions to sit in on the resolutions committee.

## FDR, Jr., Film Executive Urge U.S. Jews To Delay Local Needs

**National Jewish Post**  
ATLANTIC CITY—Appeals from two prominent non-Jews were made at the annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal, urging U. S. Jews to defer raising of funds for capital needs in the U. S. in deference to the urgent needs of Israel this week.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., New York representative, asked the Jewish communities of the United States to postpone building of Jewish community centers or new synagogues. He asked the delegates to "put the success of Israel first" and then "look after . . . local problems five years, 10 years, if necessary, 15 or 20 years from now."

### Don't Underrate

The other speaker was Spyros P. Skouras, president of 20th-Century-Fox Films, who asked delegates not to "underrate the vital importance of the necessities and demands of Israel today."

"You may need a new temple, or a new community center or a new hospital, but the Jews of Israel need clothing, shelter and food, and they need hospital care and religious service," he said.

"How will a new and beautiful Jewish community center in an American city look if . . . the world knows that Jews in Israel must live in tents and on meager rations in order to help their fellow Jews escape persecution and

hardship," the film executive asked.

He asked if it were not "an absolute necessity that the United Jewish Appeal ask for a moratorium in Jewish philanthropic projects in America in order to help Israel for the next five years?"

### MORTALITY RATE DIPS

TEL AVIV—The mortality rate among children in Israel has dropped from 60 out of 1,000 to the almost normal rate of 20 out of 1,000, it was revealed at the first conference of pediatricians in Tel Aviv last week-end. The decrease resulted from measures taken by the Ministry of Health since July.

## Polish Red Hits WJC As Imperialism Agent

**WARSAW — (WNS) —** The World Jewish Congress is an "agent of Anglo-American imperialism" and Polish Jewry must be on guard against spies in its midst, Joel Lazebnik, secretary of the government-controlled Jewish Central Committee of Poland, declared this week in a Yiddish-language broadcast.

## ZOA QUILTS INVESTMENT FIELD; PEC ABSORBS ITS ISRAEL CORP.

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—The Zionist Organization of America ended its work in seeking investments for Israel through its Israel Corporation of America this week when the Palestine Economic Corp. took over ICA assets in a merger.

Whether the ZOA, which last year had emphasized that it hoped to make such work a major project, planned to re-enter the field in some other way, was not indicated.

Daniel Frisch, ZOA president, said that now that the PEC had acquired the assets of the ZOA corporation, "the combination of these two important businesses will constitute the only non-party investment corporation of major importance concerned with the development of industry in Israel."

The reorganization did not add any major Zionist figures to the PEC list of officers.

The U.S. Labor Zionists maintain their own investment corporation, AMPAL, and the Miz-rachi religious Zionists recently organized an investment group of their own.

## Burma Soon To Have No Jewish Population

Rangoon, Burma—Bassein, a Burmese city which had a small but active Jewish community before the war, has exactly one Jew left as most Jewish communities disappear with emigration to Israel.

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## Names In The News

ISRAEL MIZRACHI LEADER SEES  
RELIGIOUS MAJORITY INEVITABLE

**A** FLAT prediction that the present tide of immigrants will soon bring a religious majority was made by M. SHAPIRA, Israel Minister of the Interior. He told the tenth Hapoel Hamizrachi (Religious Labor Zionist) conference in Israel that "the day is not far off when religious Jews will constitute a majority in the State and can constitute the basis for achieving political power." He said 70 per cent of the present immigrants were religious and that the "great reserve of emigration in North Africa and the Middle East, counting 500,000 Jews, are in the main religious."

## The Wrong Rub

A proposal by a top Jewish federation worker that the term Zionist be restricted to U. S. Jews intending to go to live in Israel while those who intend to stay in the U.S. and help Israel should call themselves simply "friends of Israel" ran into prompt objections from the board of the Southeast region of the Zionist Organization of America. The proposal was credited to H. L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at the annual conference of the Southwestern States Region of the CJFWF last Oct. 30. The ZOA board formally repudiated the idea and insisted that Zionists of the old fashioned style were needed now as much as ever.

## The Book World

The articles on Israel in the "New Yorker" magazine by IR-

WIN SHAW, another Johnny-come-lately to Jewish interests, which have been criticized as examples of literary slumming, will be the basis of a new book to be published by Simon and Schuster. Photographer ROBERT CAPA will collaborate on the word and picture appraisal of the new republic's progress. It is scheduled for May publication.

## The Dubious Gain

A clear-cut achievement by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism was reported by the Rev. KARL BAEHR, executive secretary of the American Christian Palestine Committee. Speaking at a Town Hall meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, Rev. Baehr reported, according to the Philadelphia Jewish Times, that whenever his pro-Zionist committee runs into opposition from Christians, such foes of Zionism generally refer to and rely upon the Council and its charges against U.S. Zionists in the public press.

## Deaths

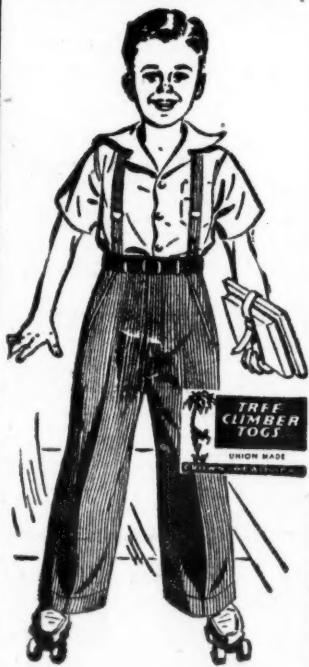
More than 750 persons came last week to pay final respects to Dr. Nathan Krass, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in New York. The Reform leader died at his home in New York after a long illness at 69. He worked on the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Jewish Relief Committee. He was active in the Central Conference of American Jewish Relief Committee. He was active in the Central Conference of American Rabbis and many cultural and fraternal organizations.

## With the Rabbis

INSTALLATIONS—The formal installation of Rabbi MORRIS H. BELL was held last week at the Beth Israel synagogue in Bristol, Conn.

As a result of emigration to Israel, Jewish communities have disappeared completely in the south east of Turkey.

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## Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4—A citation for Service to radio comedian Jack Benny will be awarded by B'nai B'rith during a broadcast marking the 106th anniversary of B'nai B'rith 2:30 p.m. EST, CBS.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4—"Joseph and Benjamin," the seventh program in the Fifth Anniversary Series of the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p.m., EST, NBC.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4—Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, Zionist, educator and rabbinical leader, speaking on "A Religious Definition of Freedom," the first of four sermons on the "Message of Israel," 10 a.m., EST, ABC.

Hebrew U. Opens  
With 1,300 Students

JERUSALEM — Hebrew University opened its winter semester last week with 1,300 students—the largest enrollment in its history. There are 400 more students than last year.

The University has more than 20 buildings scattered over Jerusalem, with the main building at Terra Sancta college, while the new law school faculty is housed at Ratisbonne Monastery and the medical school at Umariar college.

Professor Abraham Dushkin, director of undergraduate studies, told students that the new program is designed to make the Hebrew University student "an all-round enlightened citizen." The student is now able to obtain a bachelor of arts degree in three years and a master's degree after an additional year's study.

Jordan Guards Bar  
Catholic Pilgrims

TEL AVIV—Eleven Catholic pilgrims who tried to cross the lines into Jerusalem's Old City at the Mandelbaum Gate with Israel visas were turned back into Israel territory by Arab Legion guards, according to the Arab paper "A Diffa."

The Palestine POST quoted the "A Diffa" account of the incident which stated that the pilgrims were told to proceed to Beirut or Damascus in order to enter Jordan. The pilgrims included ten Italians and one Latin American.

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## Report From Hollywood

PRODUCERS OF MINDZENTY FILM  
DOUBT ANTI-SEMITISM CHARGES

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

**T**HE producers of "Guilty of Treason," a film just completed about the controversial trial of Cardinal Mindzenty, have decided that reports of his alleged anti-Jewish activities during the Nazi occupation are too conflicting and unreliable, and may well be a Communist smoke-screen to cover the real issues of the trial. The film, an independent production, will aim, instead, to show the Cardinal as a man who actively aided the Jews against the nazis during the war.



Wincenberg

I'll bet you, Commentary never came up with a nutshell summary on "What's Wrong with Jewish Writing in America" as good as the one I take the liberty to quote out of a letter from Mrs. Judy Pearlman, former sparkplug of the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious Labor Zionists) Overseas Relief Committee. I'd asked Judy to call up the editor of the "Jewish" and inquire about the fate of a manuscript I had once been rash enough to submit to him. She writes:

"I called the guy, but met with a very indifferent reception. He hedged and hemmed and hawed. He doesn't know . . . anything. He doesn't know if he has it . . . he doesn't know if he hasn't got it . . . he doesn't know whether or not he received it . . . he just doesn't know. He'd have to look for it . . . call him several days later, etc. etc. When I called him a few days later . . . he still didn't know, he hadn't had a chance to look for it, he'd try to look for it during the next week. I'll call him again after Labor Day, but I don't know what success I'll have. He sounds like a first-class shmoe. How persistent shall I be?"

PAUL F. HEARD, producer of the mildly controversial film "Prejudice," for the Protestant Film Commission and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has just received a request from the Museum of Modern Art for a print of the film, to have audience reaction to it tested scientifically.

Meanwhile various Protestant and ADL groups are conducting their own research, mostly through questionnaires. Results, so far, are undisclosed, and no commercial release date for the film has been set, at least in Los Angeles.

Favorable or sympathetic reviews of the film seem to have appeared in most women's and trade magazines. Walter Winchell feels that it "hits harder than 'Gentleman's Agreement' and 'Crossfire.'" The National Board of Review calls it "The most mature and convincing study of the subject yet filmed," and Hollywood VARIETY chimes in with a quotation that I have no quarrel with at all, "Photography is excellent—musical score is of major status."

More important than reviewers' blurbs or my personal taste, however, will be the results of a really scientific audience-reaction research job. I hope to have some data on that soon.

**H**OW WOULD this come under the heading of Jewish Life in Hollywood?

An envelope containing all sorts of legal, insurance and real estate papers, deeds, policies, receipts, belonging to Paulette Goddard, was found in a neighborhood post office by little Joe Braver, a vacationing Telzer Yeshiva bochur.

Joe turned it over to his sisters, twins Miriam and Shoshana, one or the other of whom have worked at such jobs as TIME magazine in Mexico City, an advertising agency in Hollywood, the Jewish National Fund, and the presidency of Junior Mizrachi Women.

Miriam and Shoshana have regretfully returned the envelope to Miss Goddard, after having tried, unsuccessfully, to squeeze a news angle out of it for this column.

**A**CCORDING TO Baruch Diener, who has been making arrangements for the release of Israeli-made films in Italy, Robert Rossellini is interested in making a film in Israel. This, I trust, is a comment on the artistic freedom he expects to encounter there, rather than a view of Israel as a potential setting for another "Open City" or "Paisan."

Citrus Packing Classes  
Organized For DPs

TEL AVIV—Courses in citrus packing are being organized by the Ministry of Labor for 2,000 workers particularly new immigrants.

Eighty percent in the course will be women and 85 percent of all the participants are coming direct from the camps. The courses include packing fruit and making cases.

Mizrachi Women  
OK Record Budget

ATLANTIC CITY—Mrs. Lionel Golub of Brooklyn was unanimously elected national president of the Mizrachi (religious Zionist) Women's Organization of America at the 24th annual convention last week.

The 1,000 delegates representing 187 local chapters voted a record budget of \$1,511,000 for the Women's Mizrachi program.



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## Women's Viewpoint

### REPORT ON THE RE-EDUCATION OF A COLUMNIST'S HEBREW

By HELEN COHEN

NO LONGER will their mother have a blank expression when my sons ask for information about their Hebrew lesson. Mrs. Cohen has gone back to cheder.

Only this time with a determination to learn the complete Hebrew alphabet as well as the meaning of the words so often chanted in the prayer book. In all the years of study as a child, I recall practically no translation, and in writing, the class never seemed to go beyond the "yod." But then there is a difference in attitude when teaching and learning a "dead" and a living language.

But to return to the adult Hebrew classes, which started over a month ago, more than three-fourths of the determined scholars—who are willing to give one evening a week plus homework to the task—are women, and busy mothers at that. You can draw whatever conclusion you want, but don't say it is because the men already know the language.

Teacher for the beginners is our newly-appointed Jewish Educational Association director, Aaron Intrater, who hails from Boston. Commiserating with students on the difficulty of grasping the 22 letters in the alphabet, Mr. Intrater said he could be sympathetic since he only lately took up Arabic, which has 48 letters and 16 vowels. No wonder the Arabs have such a high illiteracy rate.

During class I learned the original meaning of two words in the English language which come from Hebrew. I have sometimes wondered about them, so perhaps you have also.

The word "Amen" at the end of prayers comes from a combination of the Hebrew (Al melech neman) meaning "God is the righteous King."

"Halleluyah" comes directly from the Hebrew without change (hallelu yah) meaning "Praise the Lord."

There are no doubt many others. Just send in your request and this Hebrew scholar will delve into the subject for you.

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I GUESS there is hope for me after all. I am learning to be concerned about others beyond my own group.

As I looked through the papers the other day, I noted that one of the stores advertised that they again stocked handkerchiefs for women, made in China, of pure Irish linen, hand sewn with all the industry and skill and patience for which the Chinese were famous—for only 33 cents apiece. I turned the page in distaste. Industry and skill and infinite patience come low in other lands.

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I HAVE a letter from the Orient Plastic and Textile Co., 132 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y., in which the company politely points out that it is the exclusive manufacturer of the plastic tablecloths which I saw on display at our Sisterhood meeting. The cloths were white or transparent with designs in blue or gold or red and appeared to be well made and sturdy. They were suggested for use on the Sabbath or Holy Days.

## Ask The Post

This column will be a miscellany of items made up mostly of requests for information from readers. Letters should be addressed to "Ask The Post," NATIONAL JEWISH POST, to any of our three offices, Indianapolis, St. Louis, or Louisville.

Dear Sir:

About a week ago I noticed an article in The Post where one could purchase cookie cutters, denoting the Jewish holidays. Please forward me the address of the company as our Ladies' Auxiliary is interested in purchasing some of them.

MRS. HARRY DIAMOND  
1501 Luzerne St.,  
Johnstown, Pa.

The cookie cutters may be purchased from the Bloch Publishing Company, 21 W. 31st., New York City.

Dear Sir:

In one of your August issues I noticed an advertisement offering clergy plates for a car. I find myself in need of such an identifying emblem. Would you be so kind as to send me a copy of that advertisement? When ordering I shall of course point out that I am a subscriber to the NJPost.

RABBI JACOB GOLDBERG  
New York, N.Y.

The firm manufacturing the clergy plates is now out of business. Any reader who knows where clergy plates can be seen

cured is asked to advise "Ask The Post."

Dear Sir:

I am interested in obtaining a list of leading Anglo-Jewish publications, with their addresses. MRS. MORRIS SIGMAN  
80 Dodge St.,  
Beverly, Mass.

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## YOUR NAME

Conducted By  
N. Pearlroth

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

### Glantz Schmelkin

Evelyn Glantz, 2289 Ocean Pkwy, Brooklyn, writes:

What is the meaning of our family name Glantz? My father came from Kamieniec Podolsky, Russia. I've seen our name spelled Glanz also. Coincidentally, a friend's name is Licht. I believe Glantz and Licht are both of the same origin.

Glantz is the "German" equivalent of the Hebrew name "Uri" (fiery). Whoever first took this family name was undoubtedly the son of a man named Uri.

He commemorated his father's name by making it a family appellation by way of a somewhat casual German translation. There is an old Hebrew tradition that children bearing the name of Uri are likely to develop artistic talents. The name was often chosen with this tradition in view. Licht is a name of similar origin, being a German translation of the Hebrew name Meier meaning a luminary.

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Dr. Arthur Saitz, 104 E. Front St., Plainfield, N. J., writes:

I would like to know the derivation of the name Schmelkin.

Schmelkin is a patronymic, formed out of the Hebrew name of an ancestor. Schmelke is a variant of Schmulke, an affectionate diminutive of the Hebrew name Samuel. The terminal "—in" means "son of" so that Schmelkin is the same name as Samuels or Samulson.

Do you know what YOUR name means? Its not a meaningless jumble of syllables. Your name, too, has a meaning stemming from the glorious history of a great people. Find out what it means by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post.

### NEW JR. HADASSAH HEAD

PITTSBURGH,—Miss Sarah Neiman of Brooklyn was elected president of Junior Hadassah at the 26th annual convention of the group here this week.



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## What Foods These Morsels Be

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HERE'S how to prepare roast beef, using the even temperature method.

### ROAST BEEF

Use a rib roast, either standing or rolled. A standing rib roast is one in which the bones have been left, a rolled rib roast is one in which the bones have been removed and the meat rolled up and tied around with string. The smaller the roast, the more it will shrink during cooking for best results, therefore, use a roast which weighs at least 5 pounds and is at least 4 inches thick.

The roasting pan should not be covered. Many housewives do not realize it, but meat which is cooked in a covered pan is not roasted but steamed or pot-roasted, for even though no water is added, the moisture in the meat itself provides sufficient steam to cook it.

### Even-Temperature Method

Sprinkle the meat with salt, using about ½ teaspoon for each pound of meat. Sprinkle with pepper, or rub with an onion or clove of garlic cut in two. Preferably, sprinkle with flour. Place the meat in the roasting pan fat side up, and if a rolled roast slip a rack or trivet under it to keep the bottom from over-cooking. Pre-heat the oven to 325 or 350 degrees, and let the meat cook at this temperature until done. Do not cover the roasting pan. Do not add any water. Basting will not be necessary unless the meat is very lean. If the oven is heated to higher than 350 degrees, the meat will cook more quickly, but will not cook as evenly and will shrink more. No definite time can be given for roasting, because this depends not only on the shape and size of the meat and the proportion of bone it includes, but also on the type of animal from which the meat was cut. The following figures are for a standing rib roast cooked at an even temperature of 325 degrees and sliced immediately upon being removed from the oven. Allow 10 minutes longer per pound for a rolled rib roast. If the roast is not sliced immediately, its internal temperature will continue to rise and it will continue to cook for from 15 to 45 minutes after it has been removed from the oven, depending on its weight and thickness, in which case, a few minutes less will be required per pound for cooking in the oven.

#### Rare

Allow 25 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 21 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.

#### Medium

Allow 35 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 27 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.

#### Well Done

Allow 40 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 33 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.

The advantage of this method over the Searing method is that it requires less fuel, and the meat will be more evenly cooked throughout. It also will not shrink quite so much. The disadvantage of this method is that the meat will not be quite so nicely browned; but this disadvantage can be easily overcome by increasing the heat to searing temperature (500 degrees) during the last 20 to 30 minutes of roasting.

## State Dept. Backs U.S. Jewish Help

NEW YORK,—(NJP)—The Junior Mizrahi (religious Zionists) Women's Organization of America scored a significant gain this week in winning an endorsement by the U.S. State Department of U.S. organizations sponsoring social welfare projects in behalf of children in Israel. The message was read to 800 delegates to the four-day national convention of the young women. Delegates also moved to ex-

pand the organization by bidding for U.S. Jewish girls between 14 and 17. Each chapter president pledged to establish "sub-deb" and "bud" chapters as sister groups of Junior chapters.

Rivkah Margolies of Brooklyn was elected national president.

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## THE UJA TAKES A FORTHRIGHT STAND

THERE was one conclusion evident to careful observers at the annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal last week end in Atlantic City and that was that for the first time the United Jewish Appeal knows definitely what it wants from the American Jewish community, and has matured to the point where it is making its demands forthrightly. It also was evident that the UJA will make a stand to defend its position.

In past years there have been too many innuendoes and threatening overtones. This year, the position has been put down on paper and articulated for all to hear and know.

The UJA wants pre-campaign budgeting. This means that a contributor who gives a dollar to his local drive will know that 60 cents or 75 cents or 90 cents of that dollar will go to the

United Jewish Appeal.

The UJA wants capital fund drives deferred and where that is impossible, it wants such drives conducted separately from the drive in which the UJA is a constituent. This too received overwhelming support at Atlantic City. Whether or not the communities will honor these requests is not the point of this editorial. At least the position of the UJA is clear and there is little possibility of misunderstanding on the part of the communities.

In the last analysis, the decision will be made by the U. S. Jewish community, but it is most helpful to wise action to have a complete understanding of all points of view in advance of the start of so huge an undertaking as a UJA drive.

## THE HOPEFUL ATTITUDE OF THE UJA DELEGATES

THE mood and outlook of the delegates to the annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal last week end in Atlantic City was definitely one of hopefulness. There was little or no feeling that the 1950 campaign will not raise large sums of money, and the prevailing view was that there was no reason to believe that the 1950 drive would not raise more than the 1949 drive.

In view of the drop this year from 1948's peak figure of \$150,000,000, it could have been

expected that the delegates would look with anxiety and concern at the approaching drive. But such was not the case.

In fact, the mood of the 1949 conference, when the specter of an economic depression was a real and pressing factor, was nothing short of pessimistic. This year there was no pessimism. There was more of a feeling that there was a job to be done, so why get moody about it? If anything, the mood was one of optimism.

## RABBI GOLDMAN AND THE ORTHODOX RABBIS

THE letter from the Orthodox Rabbis of Chicago in last week's Post attacking Rabbi Solomon Goldman was an action in the same category as that of the Orthodox rabbis in New York who participated in the book burning of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan's Reconstructionist prayer book.

The deep concern of the Orthodox rabbis is understandable. And their need for some form of public stand in opposition also is understandable. But the vituperation was wholly uncalled for and will result—as did the book-burning incident—in public revulsion.

Rabbi Goldman is not an untried rabbi with

no background of deep scholarship, not to mention distinguished service to his people and to his religion.

Maimonides, it will be remembered, was excommunicated by the Orthodox, who failed to understand the contribution he was making.

It is difficult to separate religious insight and progress from mere change for the sake of convenience. The Orthodox Rabbis decided the latter was involved in Rabbi Goldman's proposals for law changes. The Jewish community will not believe that the action of the Chicago rabbis was anything but precipitate and hasty.

## AN INSTITUTE FOR THE U. S. JEWISH COMMUNITY

THE success of the Overseas Institute of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF) indicates that such an agency for service in the United States—just as the Overseas Institute operates in Israel and Europe—might be indicated.

The Overseas Institute has been acclaimed by almost all parties to fund raising for overseas needs. This Institute—headed by Harold Glasser—studies the needs overseas, investigates to learn how agencies are meeting the needs and makes recommendations to avoid waste and duplication and unnecessary competition.

If such an agency could possibly be accepted on the U. S. scene, then it might look into the competition in the civic defense field, where four agencies are now competing for favor

in the U. S. Jewish community. It might look into the operations of some of our other national organizations and make its report; and it might have something to say about the millions being spent for promotion and fund raising by the national agencies.

But the chances of getting approval for a domestic institute of this kind are slim indeed. National agencies guard their interests too fiercely for anything of this kind, at least at the moment. The CJFWF is set up and has a mandate to provide the U. S. Jewish community with just such information, but so far it has been a contest between the national agencies and the CJFWF to see how little they can get by with on the one hand and much can be forced from them on the other.

## CURRENT COMMENT

One of the chief Jewish issues of the day is the problem of containing in a democratic way the great power given the local federations and welfare funds by the needs of the past decades for maximum funds for overseas aid, says Rabbi Jonah E. Kaplan of Congregation Beth-El of Astoria, Long Island.—The most significant Jewish issue of the day being discussed in the organizational life of the American Jewish community is the democratization of that community.

The word democracy is being bandied around by all people and groups to greater extent than ever before. In this era of confusion and strife, everybody is talking about democracy, each giving to it the interpretation best suited to his own thinking and beliefs. By its very nature, a cold war is essentially a battle of words. What is unfolding on the international scene is reflecting itself on the Jewish scene.

It has become very fashionable now in Jewish circles to speak of democratizing the American Jewish community. At every convention of Jewish organizations, the subject is brought to the forefront. At the convention of the American Jewish Congress, just concluded at the Hotel New Yorker, much thought

and consideration was given to the subject "Democratizing The Jewish Community." That such is necessary everyone agrees. It is on the interpretation that there is so much disagreement and confusion.

What the American Jewish Congress implies in the term democracy is not agreed upon by a vast number of Jewish organizations to whom the term means control of Jewish life by their respective organizations. The Jewish Welfare Funds throughout the country, who control the purse-strings of American Jewry, would like by virtue of their financial power to dictate the course Jewish life is to follow in the United States. The need for coordinating Jewish fund-raising in America in order to achieve a maximum of results in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, has vested these fund-raising agencies with powers they never before dreamed of. The desire to extend that power to the over-all life of American Israel is so real that every Jewish organization on the American scene feels threatened by that power. This explains the reasons for each organization projecting the question of democratizing the American Jewish community at national conventions.

## THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

WHEN GERSHON Agron saw the many signs in the dining room of the Chelsea hotel, where the annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal was held, which read "Observers," he shook his head and remarked on the peculiarities of American Jewry.

Agron, who is director of information for Israel, and who is on a year's leave of absence from the Palestine POST, of which he is publisher, looked at the signs with amazement as he declared, "So the American Jews have a special ghetto section for those who 'observe kashruth.'"

I explained to Gershon that the signs were meant for those who were not members of the resolutions committee and were intended to separate these "observers" from those on the committee.

MY SON, LARRY, is ten years old. Saturday mornings he and his brother and two sisters and mother attend children's services at Rabbi William P. Greenfield's Temple Beth El in Indianapolis.

Last Saturday he was at the Chelsea Hotel in Atlantic City, seated with me at the Saturday morning session of one of the most important JEWISH gatherings of the year. Larry wants to know why the delegates were not attending Sabbath services.

A FEW MONTHS ago, I clipped out of an Anglo-Jewish paper an advertisement of "Israeli Brand Pure Egg Noodles." It struck me as exploiting the Jewish State and I had in mind chastising the company for trying to make capital out of Israel. But somehow I wasn't moved to write the piece and laid aside the clipping, thinking that I just wasn't in one of my bitter moods at that time, and would have to wait until the muse moved me. Well, I've looked at the clipping 10 times since, and haven't gotten any reaction, so it may be that there is nothing wrong in using the name Israeli to merchandise noodles.

ANOTHER CLIPPING I've been saving for a few weeks has been from the paper of my good friend, Fred Schochet, the Jewish FLORIDAN. It's a letter from Rabbi Jacob H. Kaplan, the senior Reform rabbi of Miami, in which he challenges his Reform Jews to "close their businesses on Saturday."

I don't know what to say about Rabbi Kaplan's challenge any more than about the Israeli noodles, and I'm not trying to be facetious by comparing Jews to noodles either.

But the call by Rabbi Kaplan recalls my rather regular attendance at Reform services Saturday morning, where more frequently than not, I'm permitted to assist in taking the Torah from the ark, despite the fact that I'm not even a member of the Congregation. The answer is that other than myself and the rabbi, there is usually only one other male in attendance.

I tell you this story because of the pity of it. Here is a large congregation and out of the 400 member families, only one thinks enough of the services to attend on Sabbath morning. The Temple is within walking distance of downtown and any of the wealthy storekeeper members of the congregation could easily take off for the 45 minutes required for the service and give his soul some much-needed nourishment.

But where are the members of the board? And where is the president and the other officers, that they let the rabbi deliver a sermon and conduct an entire service with only six or seven persons present, counting the few women who drop in?

Is it a disgrace? In truth, it's

far past that stage, because no one today feels any shame about such a condition.

Well, Rabbi Kaplan, would you expect such Reform Jews to close their stores on the Sabbath?

MY GOOD FRIEND, Ben Sugarman, whom some of you may remember from the time when he assisted Bernie Postal, then public relations director for B'nai B'rith, or when he was with the Royal Canadian Air Force for four years, has just been granted official recognition by the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association, for his advertising agency in Toronto, his home town. The firm will be known as Ben Sugarman, Ltd. Good luck, Ben!

MY GOOD FRIEND and critic, Sidney Hollander, dropped me a note this week in an envelope marked "personal, please," which contained a clipping from my Editor's Chair of a week or so ago in which I used the phrase "like you and I."

Sidney wrote on the margin in red ink "Me, not I," and then appended, "you're no credit to your teachers."

Well, Sidney, I long ago decided that I couldn't break myself of the habit, so instead of becoming disturbed about it, I have decided to popularize "You and I."

When Sidney was here last, and I was driving him back to the hotel, we got into an argument over whether the Jews of the United States were good or bad. He defended the Jews by saying that they participated in this and that activity and were leaders in this and that cause. I took an opposing view, as much as saying that they were a total loss.

Now here were two supposedly clear thinkers (at least he can claim that he is, for he was president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds for seven years) and we were actually talking about two separate things.

He meant the Jews of the U. S. were good because they helped many civic causes, were in the leadership in a good many cases in the arts, liberalism, philanthropy, etc.

I meant that as Jews, they couldn't measure up hardly in any category—observance, eagerness to pass on their heritage and so forth.

Of course, we were both right, Sidney, and I just wanted you to know that although my brain doesn't act quickly, if you will give it only a few months, it might get around to some feeble motions.

## Jordan Packing DPs Into Old Jerusalem

JERUSALEM—Thousands of Palestinian Arab refugees are being transferred to the Old City of Jerusalem by Jordan in an effort to populate the area, the Miz-rachi (religious Zionist) Information Service reported this week.

The Information service said the object of the efforts is to tighten the Jordan hold on the Old City and to prevent Israel Jews from access to the Western Wall.

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## Freedom of The Press

HOLDS POST SELF-DEFEATING  
IN ACCEPTING COUNCIL COLUMN

Editor National Jewish Post:

For quite some time I have respected and admired the National Jewish Post, and you actually had me accepting the idea that you were being truly objective, democratic, etc., when you kept U.S. Jewry informed of the activities of the American Council for (against is a better word) Judaism.

But now you have, by your own words, placed yourself in an ambiguous position. I have before me an editorial which appeared on the front page of the September 2, 1949, issue of your paper. You were emphatic, explicit and did not mince words, and I quote: "If the Council does not desist from accusing Jews—in the public press—of possible disloyalty to the United States then it should be barred from all avenues of Jewish Public communication." (Emphasis mine) . . . "the Council has become so bitter that it blindly seeks destruction not alone of itself but of the Jewish community of the U. S. as a whole."

These, I admit are but two isolated quotes. Actually, the whole editorial should be quoted. But, since the Post knows what it wrote, I can leave the rest alone.

The Post took a stand. And now it is repudiating that stand, not only by publishing a ridiculous column by a Council member but also, as I gather from your latest column, it will publish the Council's degrading ads.

I agree with the Post that democracy is a wonderful ideal and that its principles should be upheld. But I have ideals too. And my ideals tell me that now, by publishing the products of such

warped and twisted personalities which exist in the Council, the Post is working to defeat its own goals. I hope that the ideals of the Post and of the editor include the continued existence in this country of a mentally healthy, vigorous and active Jewish community. To me that is what you seemed to represent. But now I can only see that you are defeating your own purposes. I can think of nothing else when you indicate so clearly that the purpose of these few frustrated Jews is self-annihilation, and yet you turn around to aid and abet them by giving them even more space than you gave them previously.

If a man tries to commit suicide, we try to stop him. The State of Israel has brought new life and new hope to Jews throughout the world. Many of them did not realize that they had been "reborn" also. So, please—for the sake of many of your readers, don't help this man commit suicide but rather show him what things there are in life that make it worth living.

My subscription comes up for renewal shortly. How can I who have attempted in a small personal way to aid my people and to help preserve their institutions rightly see fit to renew my subscription to the Post which, it now seems, is falling (through a fallacious conception of free press) into a position which helps those who would destroy themselves and all that Jews throughout the ages have struggled to preserve?

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Fraternity Council Approves Plea  
Urging Chapters To End Bias Bars

WASHINGTON—After a sharp parliamentary fight, the National Interfraternity Conference voted a recommendation this week that college fraternities drop barriers to membership based on race, religion or nationality.

The vote took place at the 41st annual meeting of the group and came a few hours after the group's executive committee had voted against taking up the sizzling issue.

## 19 Frats Abstain

The vote was 36 to three and 19 of the 58 member fraternities did not vote.

The action represented a victory for a group of undergraduates who have no vote in the conference which is comprised of graduate fraternity officers.

But student interfraternity council leaders from New England and Big Ten colleges worked furiously on the graduate delegates. They managed to revive the issue after it had been removed from the program.

The approved recommendation noted that many fraternities have never had restrictive clauses and that the issue of membership is one for each chapter to decide. But it urged fraternities with restrictive clauses to "consider this question in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate such selectivity provisions."

## Jewish-Backed Proposal

The approved resolution represented a modification of one introduced by Alexander Goodman of Baltimore, executive secretary of Phi Alpha fraternity, a Jewish house.

Goodman's resolution urged that the conference recommend that all fraternities "repeal and abolish" any by-law or constitutional provisions which bars any student because of his race, religion, color or creed.

## Yiddish Writers Strike Digest Of The Yiddish Press

## All UJA Agencies

Jewish World News Service  
NEW YORK—The Yiddish Writers Union, Peretz Verein, was on strike this week in the New York office of the United Jewish Appeal over the alleged summary dismissal of a Yiddish writer who had been on the UJA staff for three years.

As an expression of solidarity with the UJA strikers, the Yiddish writers of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Service for New Americans joined the strike. The three agencies constitute the UJA.

## Reason Called Phoney

The official reason for the dismissal was given as economy but President L. Hendin and secretary M. Rivlin of the Writers Union charged the official reason was a subterfuge.

They said that no writers in English had been dismissed and that the Yiddish writers were doing a larger share of the work.

Officials of the union said they had sought for a month to settle the issue amicably but that they were treated with contempt by the UJA.

BB Tournaments Set  
For Bowling Titles

COLUMBUS, O. — Sectional tournaments, from which will emerge a national B'nai B'rith Bowling Association champion, were announced this week for the coming season.

Places and dates for the sectional tournaments were listed as: Grand Rapids, Feb. 4-5, 11-12. Columbus, Feb. 11-12, 18-19. Denver, Feb. 11-12, 18-19. Omaha, Feb. 18-19, 25-26.

Maurice Marenberg of Toledo, executive secretary, said the team and individual champions from the various sectionals will qualify for the national title roll-offs to be held in a neutral city in March. Contestants will have all expenses paid for the roll-off.

Last year, Milwaukee Bay Shore took the team crown and Sam Levitan of St. Paul, Minn., won the individual crown.

Big Brother Plan  
Set For New Temples

NEW YORK—Reform synagogues started in the New York area will get help in handling problems of housing and financing under a plan announced this week by the N. Y. Federation of Reform synagogues.

The plan calls for appointments by each member synagogue of two trustees to serve the new congregations as official counselors. Some 60 synagogues have been formed or are being formed during the last two years.

## ABDULLAH FIGHTS IT

TEL AVIV, (ISI)—King Abdullah has asked the governments of Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Turkey not to support any plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem, according to a broadcast over the Ramallah Arabic Radio.

POLITICS KEY TO HECTIC FIGHT  
OVER MERGER OF TEL AVIV-JAFFA

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

AS THOUGH Palestine were not hot enough, the air is becoming even more torrid with political controversies. One of the latest, writes the FORWARD's M. Tsanin, from Tel Aviv, concerns the merging of Tel Aviv and Jaffa. Israel Rokach, Tel Aviv's mayor, vehemently objects to the shidduch between his young city and ancient Jaffa, and he is tilting with the government over this issue by the use of polemics and placards. Israeli wits are saying that "Jaffa was good enough for King Solomon, but not for Rokach."



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The latter claims that this city should not be saddled with dilapidated Jaffa, whose air is full of daily explosions as collapsing houses are being demolished. But, do you want to know the real reason for Rokach's protests? asks Tsanin with a twinkle in his pen. It's just politics. Rokach is a General Zionist—and Jaffa is inhabited by new immigrants, decidedly proletarian in outlook. Rokach could easily be re-elected in bourgeois Tel Aviv. But in a Jaffa-Tel Aviv election, "he doesn't stand a chance."

Even hotter, warns Tsanin, is the Mapam-Mapai fight within the Histadruth. If the Histadruth is soon split wide open, Tsanin will not be surprised.

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United Nations Hails  
Memory of David Lubin

It is heart-warming to M. Frank, the JOURNAL's Washington correspondent, to note that the United Nations is currently doing homage to the memory of David Lubin on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Who was David Lubin? Many Jews do not know the name, but the Food and Agricultural Organization of the U.N. hails him as the "founding genius of the idea of international agricultural planning."

A Galicia-born Jew, Lubin began agitating the need for a union of the farmers of the world 50 years ago, and ultimately saw his plan adopted by the King of Rome in 1904. American, British, and French farm authorities rejected his idea, but later adopted his plan. The FAO is a revival of the idea within the U.N.

Lubin died in Rome, far from his American home, in 1919. But

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his memory was honored at recent ceremonies in Rome, with Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza and American Ambassador James Dunn as principal speakers. And the UN is contemplating the establishment of a "David Lubin International Center for Agricultural Research." Frank tells us that two of Lubin's daughters live in Rome and his six other children reside in California.

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Rabbi Has Pert Answer  
To Stock Question For Visitors

The most common question asked by American reporters of foreign visitors is, "How do you like America?" When the DAY's N. Gordon asked this of Rabbi Mordecai Sholom Yosef Friedman, the famed "Sadigorrer Rebbe," who is in the U.S. on a short visit from Tel Aviv, he got an echt rabbinical reply.

"I will answer you with a quotation from this week's Scriptural reading," said the bearded Chassidic sage. "In the Bible our father Abraham asks the Lord, 'Whereby shall I know that I shall inherit the land?' meaning Palestine (Genesis 15:8), and the Lord's answer seems to be (Genesis 15:13), 'The children shall be strangers in a land that is not theirs.'"

This seems an odd answer. What sort of assurance of the ultimate possession of Palestine is an answer to the effect that Abraham's descendants shall be strangers in a strange land? But if you read the verse properly, it becomes clear. We must read it: "In a land that is not theirs your children will always regard themselves as strangers." And so it is with me. America is beautiful, free, friendly, and full of wealth. And I like it. Nonetheless, wherever I may be, I yearn for my own land.

Rabbi Friedman, incidentally, is opposed to the re-establishment of a Sanhedrin in Israel—one of the most burning issues in the Orthodox camp.

## MOBILIZING NURSES

TEL AVIV—Owing to the shortage of nurses, it has been decided that 25 percent of all graduating nurses in the State should be mobilized for six months national service in immigrant camps.

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## ZOA Official Charges Israel Worst Police State In The World

**National Jewish Post**  
SHARON, Mass.—Israel is one of the worst police states in the world today, a member of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America told the annual conference of Masada last week.

The speaker was Dr. Morton Robbins, who spoke as the emissary of President Daniel Frisch of the ZOA, at the annual banquet of the convention.

The convention of the youth division of the ZOA rejected Frisch's program for chalutzut (pioneering in Israel) under which actual training of pioneers from U.S. would be given in Israel.

The convention voted in favor of the existing chalutzut program, under which U.S. Jewish youth are trained on collective farms in the U.S.

### Approves Integration

The proposal of the ZOA under which Masada would become integrated with the parent organization was approved by the convention with reservations, which are expected to be clarified with no difficulty.

Under the plan, the Masada chapters throughout the U.S.

would become separate ZOA districts. Masada is an organization for men and women between the ages of 18 to 30.

Gene Sucov of Maspeth, N.Y. was elevated from the vice presidency to the presidency.

After Robbins made his charge at the banquet, he spoke at a meeting of the Masada executive committee.

### Masada Hits ZOA

He had been given a copy of a statement by Hans Weinberg who was later elected president of the Connecticut-Bronx-Westchester region of Masada.

In the statement the ZOA was blasted as reactionary and its policies were severely criticized.

Angered by the statement, Robbins launched into a tirade against Israel.

## Morgenthau Heads UJA Drive Again

**National Jewish Post**  
ATLANTIC CITY—As predicted in the Post last week, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., was drafted to head the 1950 United Jewish Appeal campaign this week.

The report in the same Post story that Henry Monter would head the 1950 drive as executive vice chairman also was verified. He will be named later on, however, by the three agencies which make up the UJA and hence was not named at the annual national conference of the MORGENTHAU UJA here.

In his speech of acceptance, Morgenthau said he meant it when he announced a year ago that 1949 would be his final year as UJA general chairman. He added, however, that the situation had since changed and that as long as Israel continued its open door policy and as long as there were Jews suffering from persecution, "we must give our utmost support."



## WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFERS GIFT TO ISRAEL AS GOODWILL BID TO JEWS

**DUSSELDORF—(WNS)—**The West German Government intends giving \$2,500,000 worth of goods to Israel as a token of good will towards Jews, it was reported here by the local newspaper "Allgemeine Zeitung."

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, according to the newspaper, disclosed the Bonn Government's intentions in an interview in which he stated that the goods would be of a type that could help in the construction of Israel. The head of the Bonn Government was also said to have announced intention of forming a department for Jewish questions in the Ministry of the Interior. The department is to be headed by a German Jew.

## CIO Union Strikes Federation At L. A. In Dispute Over Wages

**National Jewish Post**  
LOS ANGELES—A unanimous vote sent 150 employees of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations here out on what was believed to be the first authorized strike this week against a Jewish social service agency in the United States.

The 150 social, professional, clerical and maintenance employees of the federation left their jobs last week. They are members of the CIO Social Service Employees Union of the United Office and Professional Workers.

Bernard Lusher, special representative of the union, said the strike was called over failure to reach agreement on demands for wage increases.

"The Federation remains adamant in its refusal to consider any wage increase for the workers and our members are just as determined to gain reasonable wage increases," he said.

In reply, Walter S. Hilborn, chairman of the Federation union negotiating committee, said in a formal statement, "We have a responsibility to our employees to see that the salaries we pay them compare favorably with those paid by private industry. This we have done."

Hilborn added that wages paid Federation employees in almost every classification were as high or higher than those paid by private industry.

**Several Stoppages Held**  
Several work stoppages preceded the strike. On Nov. 25, the day of the strike vote, Federation employees remained away from their jobs the entire day. There of two and three hours duration. were also several other stoppages. During the stoppages, employees gathered in front of the Federation building, carrying signs urging public aid to prevent a strike.

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## Action Planned In Thompson Talk

**PHILADELPHIA —** Proposals for drastic action against the Philadelphia chapter of the American Council for Judaism in connection with a violently anti-Zionist speech by Columnist Dorothy Thompson were expected this week from a study committee of the local Jewish Community Relations Council.

The Philadelphia TIMES reported that members of the Standing Committee were scheduled to report this week to the JCRC board of directors on the proposals.

Miss Thompson, speaking before the annual meeting of the anti-Zionist group, repeated many of the stock charges made by the Council against U.S. Jewish Zionists. Her speech was hit by the local ZOA district as an unmitigated slander of the patriotism of U.S. Jewry.

The TIMES said that members of the Standing Committee declined to indicate exactly what the recommendations would be. The committee was ordered to study the charge that the talk by Miss Thompson was "an insult to American Jewry and provocative of anti-Semitism," the TIMES said.

## JDA To Decide Soon On Staying In N.Y. UJA

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—The decision on whether the Joint Defense Appeal will remain in the New York United Jewish Appeal will be made next week, The Post learned this week.

The Joint Defense Appeal is the fund-raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish committee, two of the major U.S. Jewish civic defense groups. The N.Y. United Jewish Appeal is a separate organization from the national UJA.

The Post learned reliably that the JDA has been offered seven per cent of the net amount raised in 1950. The JDA is willing to accept the offer only if it includes a protective clause that would guarantee the JDA a minimum of \$2,000,000.

Under the 1949 agreement with the N.Y. UJA, the JDA received \$2,250,000. In 1948 the agreement gave the JDA 10 per cent of the first \$20,000,000 raised, nothing from the next \$5,000,000 and 10 per cent of the next \$5,000,000, for a total allocation that year of \$2,500,000.

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## AJ COMMITTEE SLAM AT COUNCIL RAPPED AT NCRAC MEETING

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK — The action of the American Jewish Committee in dealing directly with the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism in October was severely criticized this week at a meeting of the executive committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The American Jewish Committee, which is one of the members of the NCRAC, called in Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and contacted Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel to obtain assurances on the demands of Zionism on U.S. Jews for Israel.

The AJCommittee then issued a statement on the clarification, severely condemning the Council.

### What They Criticized

The criticism of the American Jewish Committee developed from the fact that the NCRAC last Sept. 12 set up a strategy committee to negotiate with the Council. The committee was instructed to learn whether the Council could be persuaded by negotiation to end its attacks in the general press on the loyalty of U.S. Jewish supporters of Israel.

The action of the AJCommittee was assailed at the meeting as a violation of the NCRAC procedure.

Meanwhile the committee reported that its negotiations with the Council were still in the correspondence stage and that efforts were aimed at reaching agreement with the Council on the agenda for discussion.

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